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\*The exam will last 1.5 hours\*

**1) Preview:**

Look at the title and the picturesfrom the reading. What do you think the article will be about? Please answer in a complete sentence. **(2.5 points)**

**2) Topic and Main Idea:**

Read the article “The Dark Side of Nature” and answer the questions.

What is the topic of the article? **(1 point)**

What is the main idea of paragraph 3? **(2 points)**

What is the main idea of paragraph 4? **(2 points)**

What is the main idea of paragraph 5? **(2 points)**

**3) Supports:**

What are the supports of paragraph 3? **(2 points)**

What are the supports of paragraph 4? **(2 points)**

What are supports of paragraph 5? **(2 points)**

**4) Comprehension Questions:**

***Causes and Effects***

How can human activity cause natural disasters? **(2 points)**

What situations can make places vulnerable to storms, floods, or earthquakes? **(2 points)**

***Contrasts* (1.5 points each)**

Underline the words that signal contrasts and complete the table:

Nature usually plays a positive role in our lives. Sometimes, however, nature can turn wild and dangerous.

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| **Signal** **(0.5 point)** | **Idea 1** **(0.5 point)** | **Idea 2** **(0.5 point)** |
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The most severe damage is usually at the center of an earthquake, but an earthquake can also cause disaster far away.

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| **Signal** **(0.5 point)** | **Idea 1** **(0.5 point)** | **Idea 2** **(0.5 point)** |
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Although most earthquakes are caused by the natural movement of the earth, sometimes human activity contributes to natural disasters.

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**5) Scanning:**

Answer the questions and underline the key words (in the questions) that you used to scan the article:

When was there a major earthquake in Haiti? **(1 point)**

How many deaths did Hurricane Mitch cause? **(1 point)**

What country was hit by a typhoon in 2009? **(1 point)**

What is a cyclone? **(1 point)**

**6) Prefixes, suffixes and roots** **(0.5 point each)**

Write the prefixes of the following words and their meaning:

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| Word  | Prefix **(0.25 point)** | Meaning of the word **(0.25 point)** |
| Infrequent  |  |  |
| Unnatural  |  |  |
| Disconnected  |  |  |
| Rebuild  |  |  |

Write the suffixes of the following words and their part of speech:

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| Word  | Suffix **(0.25 point)** | Part of speech **(0.25 point)** |
| Indian  |  |  |
| Movement |  |  |
| Natural  |  |  |
| Dangerous  |  |  |

Write the roots of the following words and their meaning:

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| Word  | Root **(0.25 point)** | Meaning of the root **(0.25 point)** |
| Portable  |  |  |
| Multitask  |  |  |
| Technology |  |  |
| Population  |  |  |

**7) Vocabulary:**

Write the meaning of the words below. **(1 point each)**

Mud (paragraph 3):

Hurricane (paragraph 2):

Deadly (paragraph 4):

Tsunami (paragraph 5):

Suddenly (paragraph 5):

Vulnerable (paragraph 7):

**8) Critical Thinking:**

When a natural disaster occurs in a vulnerable area, should the people who live there return and rebuild their community there, or should they move and live somewhere else? **(2 points)**

Why do you think this? **(4 points)**

You read that human activity can contribute to natural disasters. Should humans stop building mines and dams or should they continue to do it? **(2 points)**

Why do you think so? **(4 points)**